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TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

MORE HOPEFUL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 1, 7.35 a.m.

The position is more hopeful as it is expected that the minimum wage will be obtained and that the miners will concede safeguards regarding the minimum output.

An official statement says that the Northumberland coal owners have agreed to the principle of the minimum wage but cannot assent irrespective of ability and willingness of the workers.

ASQUITH'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Asquith, addressing the National Miners' Conference expatiated on the importance of the coal industry being carried on under proper conditions.

GOVERNMENT'S DUTY.

Mr. Asquith said that the Government having recognised the principle of a minimum wage, if it was not secured by agreement it would be secured by the Government by other means.

He emphatically declared that it was the Government's duty to do what it could to effect a reasonable settlement.

AN APPEAL.

Mr. Asquith appealed to the miners, on behalf of the Government and the community, to allow a reasonable latitude for discussion with regard to particular rates.

GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY.

A terrible responsibility, he pointed out, would rest upon the shoulders of those who hindered the achievement of a result so nearly within reach of attainment.—Reuter.

800,000 OUT.

Bombay, March 1, 7.40 a.m.

Everything is quiet in the strike districts.

Eight hundred thousand strikers are out.

The seriousness of the position is already disagreeably felt. A number of works have been closed at Sheffield and elsewhere.

The railways are arranging a reduction of their services and everywhere employers are giving their employees warning notices. It is estimated that already over a quarter of a million workers are under notice.

Negotiations will be continued to-morrow.

FRESH PROPOSALS.

It is understood that Mr. Asquith has submitted fresh proposals to the coal owners and that the negotiations are taking a fresh turn.

The railways are swearing in employees as special constables. The South Wales railway men have resolved not to handle troop trains or "blacklegged" coal.

The Cabinet met for over two hours. Then the Government met the miners for an hour. Several owners have already left London and the majority leave to-night.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

CABINET MEETING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 12.30 p.m.

A special cabinet meeting is being held regarding the coal crisis.

LEGISLATION NECESSARY.

London, Feb. 29, 4.40 a.m.

The Government is of opinion that legislation will be necessary to make the decisions of its representatives at the suggested district conferences compulsory.—Reuter.

WHAT FORM?

London, Feb. 29, 3.15 p.m.

In view of the breakdown of the peace negotiations, the action of the Government is now eagerly anticipated. A surprisingly large percentage of the coal-owners have accepted the principle of the minimum wage, and this is expected to strengthen the hands of the Government, but it is not expected there will be any legislation so drastic as has been suggested.

More probably it will be based on the proposals of last night.—Reuter.

FOR AND AGAINST.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

Sixty per cent. of the coal-owners have accepted the Government's proposals, and they include those in Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Midlands, North Wales, Durham and Cumberland. The dissentients are those in Northumberland, South Wales, Scotland, the Forest of Dean, Somerset and Bristol.—Reuter.

STUBBORN WELSHMEN.

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

A section of the coal-owners, at the instance of the Earl of Durham, have accepted the Government's proposals on national grounds in view of the disaster of a strike, but the Welshmen are adamant. Mr. Thomas, interviewed last night, said: "We will resist the Government proposal to the end. We would rather submit to compulsion than accept it voluntarily."

HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

The miners are determined to remain solid, and they are confident of obtaining not merely the principle but a specific minimum wage. Last night 115,000 of them struck and generally a holiday spirit prevails, there being an absence of the ill-willing which has characterised previous combats. The leaders in Derbyshire have issued a manifesto deprecating the outbreak at Chesterfield on the 28th.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW CHINA.

SOLDIERS BREAK OUT.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 1, 12.15 p.m.

Two thousand of Yuan Shih-kai's soldiers rioted in Peking last night. They fired several houses and looted some shops.

CONFIRMATION.

London, Feb. 29, 5.25 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that some hundreds of Yuan Shih-kai's soldiers have rioted. They have ignited and wrecked several houses.

RESTORING ORDER.

Indiscriminate shooting is proceeding. Thousands of soldiers are trying to restore order. Considerable alarm prevails.—Reuter.

A LARGE LOAN.

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m. Reuter's Peking correspondent states that British, American, French and German bankers are to advance five million taels to the Republican authorities to pay the troops. A large loan will be contracted immediately a coalition cabinet is formed.

THE LENDERS.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m. Reuter's Tokio correspondent says it is understood Russia and Japan will participate in the loan to China.

AMERICAN CONGRATULATIONS.

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m. The Washington correspondent of Reuter states that the Foreign Committee of the House has reported favourably on a resolution congratulating the Chinese people on the assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government. If the resolution passes, it will be tantamount to recognition of the Republic.

YUAN'S POLICY.

Shanghai, Feb. 29. President Yuan Shih-kai has formulated his policy. Foreign loans will be obtained to relieve the existing financial strain, evil-doers will be suppressed, and other taxation increased.

SHANGTUNG GOVERNOR.

Chang Kwong-kin, Governor of Shantung, has not been in harmony with the republican troops and the result has been that an attempt, which, however, proved unsuccessful, has been made to assassinate him. Bombs were employed.

A LOAN.

Chan Kam-tao, Commissioner of Finance, has obtained a loan of £1,500,000 from the Russo-Asiatic Bank, the receipts of a certain tax from the whole country being the security.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

Miss Chang Kwan-ying, the representative of the women of Kiangnan, has asked the Cabinet at Nanking for the extension of the franchise to women, but the request has been refused.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

Tong Shau-chuan, Ma Lai-hing and Shum Yan have left for the Straits by the Tongo Maru to advise the Chinese merchants there to subscribe to the National loan.

DISENSENION.

Many of the members of the Assembly at Nanking are displeased with the foreign loan policy of the new government and have announced their intention to resign.—"Shat Po."

TELEGRAMS.

A DELICATE QUESTION.

STRAITS CIVIL SERVICE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, March 1, 8.50 a.m.

In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. McCallum Scott, Mr.

L. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that the interests of good administration required adherence to the regulation confining civil and police appointments in the Straits Settlements to pure Europeans.

The Straits Assembly (Council) had not been consulted, but undoubtedly it would by a large majority support the Government's policy.—Reuter.

TEST CRICKET.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 5.55 a.m.

Owing to rain, play in the last Test match between England and Australia has been suspended. The position now stands:—England, 324 and 214. Australia, 176 and 193 for three wickets.—Reuter.

STORER DEAD.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

The death is reported of Storer, the famous cricketer, who for many years kept wicket so brilliantly for Derbyshire. Storer had the distinction of playing against the Australians.—Reuter.

STEEL TRUST.

A HUGE PROFIT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent cables that the accountant who examined the books of the Steel Trust mentions that the Pierpont Morgan Company made a profit of £13,800,000 by financing the Trust.

HOME RULE.

SCOTLAND'S TURN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 4.53 a.m.

The House of Commons has, by 226 votes to 128, adopted a private motion urging the grant of Home Rule to Scotland following on Irish Home Rule.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

BOXING.

SULLIVAN DEFEATED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 5.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Monte Carlo states that Car-

pentier has knocked out Jim Sullivan in the second round in the fight for the middleweight championship of the world.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL MILD MAY.

WILSON.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 12.30 p.m.

The death is announced of Major-Gen. Sir Midway Wilson, K.O.B.

CORONER TROUTBECK.

The death has taken place of Mr. John Troutbeck, coroner and deputy high bailiff of Westminster.—Reuter.

BEHIND THE TIMES.

We are, we sometimes fear, getting just a trifle old-fashioned; dropping behind the times, as it were. For at odd moments, when we have nothing in particular to do, instead of doing it with that feverish activity which is the hall mark of the really live, useful, up-to-date business man, we find ourselves sinking into a peaceful reverie of the less strenuous days of our own early youth. We are speaking, you must understand, of the pre-historic period before tubes, taximotor-buses, cinematograph shows, and militant suffragettes had been thought of; before the Radical party had discovered the genius of Lloyd George, and when the British Constitution was still intact. Those days are gone, and, priding ourselves, as we do, upon being a man of action, we would not recall them if we could. No doubt, compared with the present age, it was but an oyster-like existence that we led. And, of course, our ideas of progress were lamentably crude. For instance, at the top of the Strand there used to be a sort of odd, narrow little streets that some of us used actually to think picturesque. So they were in a fashion. But for sheer wild grandeur, not to be mentioned in the same breath with the magnificent wild bit of moorland into which a beneficent County Council has transformed them. And then again—but we must not go on dreaming. It is time to wake up and get busy again doing nothing.—The "Globe."

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

RUSSIAN PROPOSALS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Rome wires that Russia has made fresh proposals for mediation between Italy and Turkey. She proposes to ask Italy on what terms she will conclude peace on the basis of Italian sovereignty in Tripoli.

Thereafter, the five Powers will approach Turkey. The Constantinople correspondent states that there is little faith in the efficacy of Russian initiative, and the adoption of the annexation bill in the Italian Parliament is regarded as an insurmountable obstacle to an understanding.

ISLAND ANNEXED.

NO INHABITANTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

The commander of the West Virginia reports to the State Department that he found Palmyra uninhabited and without any indication of any nation having attempted to assert sovereignty over it.

ROPE BREAKS AT A HANGING.

Condemned man "Suffered no Conscious Thought."

The rope broke as the body of Elroy Kent shot through the trap door of the gallows on which he was hanged on Jan. 5 at Windsor, Vermont, for the murder of Miss Delia B. Congdon, a deaf-mute, at her home in East Wallingford three and a half years ago.

Deputy Sheriffs and physicians rushed to the murderer's side. The body was lifted and the unnoosed end of the rope was fastened in the rear of the gallows.

The drop had fallen at 1.18 p.m. At 1.25 Dr. S. E. McKervin, the prison physician, made an examination and found there was a slight pulse. At 1.42 the body was taken down. Dr. McKervin said:

"Owing to an unavoidable accident, which no one was responsible for; the condemned man's neck was only partially broken by the fall. But he suffered no conscious thought and died from the shock."

Before the hanging the prison officials had tested the gallows with a big and weighing more than one hundred pounds. Everything worked perfectly at the trial.

This was the second hanging in Vermont in recent years to be marred by an accident. When Mrs. Mary Rogers paid the penalty on December 8, 1905, for the murder of her husband, the rope, which is said to have been the same one used to-day, stretched so that her toes touched the floor. The incident led to an agitation for the abolition of the death penalty in Vermont, but no action resulted. The agitation has been renewed, and it is believed that this accident will add to its strength.

TELEGRAMS.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

SUGAR TARIFF.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

The Washington correspondent of Reuter states that in the House of Representatives the Ways and Means Committee agreed to a Sugar Revision Bill, reducing the tariff by one cent per pound.

THE NAVY.

The Naval Committee decided in favour of the laying down of two battleships during 1912.

ON A ROOF.

An Extraordinary Incident.

An extraordinary scene was witnessed in York-road, Islington, to-day, an ox breaking away from a herd which was being driven to the Caledonian Market, and bolting into the doorway of a block of model dwellings at the corner of York-road and Market-road, says the "Globe" of Jan. 31, and continues:—The beast, apparently mad with terror, clambered up the stair and gained the roof of the building, causing great alarm to the tenants.

A crowd of drovers followed and attempted to lasso the animal, but met with no success. Several times it appeared as if the ox in its fright would jump over the low parapet into the street, a distance of 60 or 80 feet below.

It being found impossible to capture the animal without serious risk there was no alternative left but to shoot it. This operation was successfully carried out by Inspector Lynch, who obtained a rifle from the local headquarters of the Territorial Force. He fired one shot, which, owing to the animal's tough hide, did not take immediate effect, and the bull charged at him. With great presence of mind he immediately fired another shot which brought the animal down, and, to make quite sure, the Inspector fired once more at the bull's head. After this the carcass was lowered to the street.

The occurrence created great excitement in the district, and a large crowd collected to watch the chase.

The caretaker of the buildings said, in an interview, that when the drovers were first chasing the bull on the roof they thought they were fairly safe by being on the higher side of a 5ft. 6in. division of the roof, but to their astonishment the bull jumped this distance, and they were forced to fly for refuge behind chimney stacks and then to the fire exits on the roof.

In its leap the bull dislodged two rows of bricks on the wall, and in the course of his wild career also demolished one chimney stack and various other parts of the brickwork. The roof is of considerable length, but divided by various walls, and the animal rushed madly from end to end of the roof, taking those walls almost in his stride with extreme ease. Other cattle were driven into a yard at the back of the building in the hope of attracting the animal's attention, while efforts were made to lasso him, but he was too wary.

Before the arrival of the police inspector a cattle dealer brought a gun and fired five charges of small shot at the animal, but they proved to be of no use whatever, but rather seemed to irritate the animal and increase its ferocity.

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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

American Politics.

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of rare tenacity of purpose and
has a tendency to force his way
into the councils of the Party
whether they like it or not.
Notwithstanding his many de-
feats, he still exercises a
wonderful amount of influence all
over the United States and his
lectures draw crowded audiences.
The movements of such a man
must therefore be carefully
watched by the politicians, for
he declines to be "eliminated,"
and thus creates a highly
disturbing factor in the
situation. The fear is that Dr.
Woodrow Wilson will not be able
to run counter to Mr. Bryan
when the real issue is joined and
that this will cause the fruits of
victory to again fall to the
Republicans, whether they nomi-
nate Taft or Roosevelt. But
when sizing up all the various
chances for the banner-bearers of
either of the big parties, it is
well to bear in mind the possi-
bility which the "Times" points
out as always being imminent in
American politics, the possibility
that we may witness on one or
both sides what is called a
"stampede"—the sudden nomi-
nation of a man whom no one
really wants, because no section
is strong enough to carry the
man of its choice.

Daily Prices.

A Reasonable Proposition.

The latest telegrams regarding
the coal crisis in Great Britain
show the miners to be deter-
mined to adhere to their demand for
a minimum wage at a rate adopted
by the Miners' Federation on
February 2. They are not
prepared to consider the varying
circumstances in different dis-
tricts, but insist on a uniform rate
for the entire country. It ap-
pears that the Government
is satisfied that there are
cases where miners cannot
earn a reasonable wage, from
causes they cannot control, and
the result of the conferences with
the Government of which the
telegrams have informed us is a
proposal by the Government that
distinct district conferences
should be held between the
owners and miners to decide upon
a minimum wage, a representa-
tive of the Government being
present to assist in deciding out-
standing points in the event of
the failure of any such conference.

South China Morning Post.

The Coal Crisis.

To-day there commences the
great coal strike in Britain, unless
some means of reconciling the
masters and men were discovered
at the last moment. Whether
their efforts have met with success
or failure, generous praise must
be extended to the Government for
their efforts to prevent the threaten-
ed conflict, and at any rate they
have done a great deal in the way
of influencing concessions and
lessening the margin of difference
between the contending forces.
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attempt to save the country from
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The photographic competition has proved very successful during February. As the result of extending the scope of the competition and removing all restrictions as to the nature of the picture sent in, the number of entrants is largely increased. The proprietor of "Telegraph" has therefore decided to continue during March his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted, to the editor by amateur photographers during the month.

It is necessary only to say, once again, that pictures taken in Hongkong or out of it, pictures taken recently or months ago—any kind of pictures may be sent. To the two best pictures prizes will be awarded.

From this competition professional photographers will be rigidly excluded, and no member of the "Telegraph" staff shall be allowed to compete. A professional photographer, for the purposes of the competition, shall be adjudged as one who makes his living, wholly or in part, from photography.

The following are the Rules of Competition.

Each competitor may send as many photographs as he or she pleases, provided that every photograph is accompanied by a coupon. The coupon will be found below and will appear daily. A coupon from any issue, between now and March 31, must accompany each print.

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For the photograph adjudged the best, a prize of \$10 will be awarded to the sender. For the photograph adjudged as next in merit, a prize of \$5 will be awarded. Should two photographs be of equal merit, the \$15 shall be equally divided between the senders, but no competitor may win both prizes. The editor shall be the sole judge and his decision must be accepted as final. Photographs can be accepted only on this understanding.

Photographs must be submitted only on the express understanding that the editor may, at his discretion, use any or all of the photographs, either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or in the "Weekly Telegraph," in such manner as seems best to him, but that they shall not be put by him to any purpose outside of these journals.

Competitors shall not submit copies of competitive photographs to any other newspaper until the expiry of one month from the date of announcing the editor's decision.

Prints entered in this competition cannot be returned. The names and addresses of prize-winners will be announced early in April.

The editor will be pleased to answer, in these columns, any questions put by intending competitors on points which may require amplification.

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March 1, 1912.

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WOMEN'S WORLD

[Items of interest to women, notices of forthcoming and kindred paragraphs will be cordially welcomed. The co-operation of our lady readers is asked in order to make this feature at once especially interesting and useful.]

WOOL EMBROIDERIES.

The large black hat in straw is to be one of the favorite shapes in the coming spring. Made with wide brim turned back to show the coiffure, this hat, for wear with the spring, tailor-made, is most varied of shape, and the trimming is of the feather order, such as aigrette, paradise or ostrich plume.

Few women can resist the fascination of the ostrich feather. At least one hat in the millinery outfit for the season always has its shaded ostrich plume resting harmoniously on the picturesque brim which frames the face and is turned back in some way at back or sides. The ostrich feather is never out of favour. It comes forth each season in a new guise, with ending laurels drooping gracefully like a cascade in narrow straight widths with no curl at all or in the natural state, and sometimes the touch of individuality is given by choice colouring.

Some of the most costly of the ostrich feathers are over a yard long and about ten inches wide, many feathers being used in one to get the length and necessary thickness. The fronds are cunningly tied by expert workers, and the colourings of the long banner feathers often are in three distinct shades, with two or more tones to each shade.

Flower Trimmed Hats.

Millinery for the spring will also include a number of flower-trimmed hats of fairly large sizes. The hats are to be in straw, and the flowers, on which workers are now busily engaged, include almost every variety. The hats are mostly of the platform order, and the flowers on the advance models are arranged in wreath or cluster form.

In one large hat from Paris the brim of which droops all the way round, has an under full of closely-knit lace applied flatly to the straw near the edge, and on the top there is an old-world wreath of mixed field flowers, with a single streamer of satin coming out from the back, where it falls to the waist.

A similar shape in fine chip has a wreath made up of posies of violets, each posy being centred with a tiny rose. The floral wreath is placed over a draped crown of gauze.

On the Stage.

The newest hats are in gathered tulle, rather large, turned back from the face with a very fly-away but becoming line when seen in profile. These have scarcity of trimming, and the hair is seen all round them. The toques are high and narrow, and new Spring models are made in fine, soft straw with side trimmings of a spray of lovely roses and leaves. Evening coiffures, I notice, are very simple, and the latest way of dressing the hair is certainly most becoming and apparently easy. Several actresses wore their simply parted on the left side, waved across the forehead, and rolled up the back, showing waves drawn back from the ears to the roll in the middle. The effect is comely, displaying the lines of the head in a way we have not seen for a long time.

The Cost of Straw.

Inquiries in the City reveal a considerable shortage in the available supply of certain qualities of straw plait for millinery purposes, says a writer in the "Drapers' Record." The three fashionable kinds at the moment for women's hats are chip, tagel, and Italian pedal, and for these plait the whole world is keenly competing. The two first-named qualities come from Japan, and the prices of these have risen on the average about twenty per cent. The rates for Italian pedal straw are stated to have risen to an exorbitant level, owing to great demand and the small stocks on the market.

TO-DAY'S RECIPE.

Gâteau Clemence.

Ingredients.—One and a half pints of milk, one and a half ounces of flour, three eggs, leaving out the whites of two, three ounces of castor sugar, the grated rind of one orange, one and a half ounces of butter, a little salt.

Method.—First line a round tin with a piece of short crust. Blend the flour and milk smoothly together, put them into a saucepan, and add the beaten eggs, the sugar, grated orange rind, salt, and the butter, which should first be slightly warmed. Stir the mixture over a mild heat until it begins to thicken, let it cool, and then pour it into the prepared tin, and bake in a moderate oven. Whisk the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and mix with them three ounces of powdered sugar. When the gâteau is baked spread this meringue over the top, and return to the oven to set. Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts before serving.

A Hint to Ladies.

Attention is directed to the Dairy Farm Company's advertisement on page 5. We are requested to state that the management will be pleased if customers and the ladies of Hongkong will call in and inspect personally the various specialities both cooked and uncooked offered for sale by the Butchery Department of this establishment in Hongkong and at Kowloon.

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FLOWERS—AND STRIKES.

In one of Mark Twain's books—a master of style whom America appreciated long before his native country did—is told a striking story of how a man near to death's door regained his grip upon life. Friendless, forlorn, the fire of his life gone out in ashes, he had no heart to struggle towards recovery; he had no interest in the world which surged around him. From this perilous state he was called by a butterfly which flew in at the open window of his bedroom. Its movements, its beauty arrested his attention, and he found himself growing interested. In the end he recovered, mainly because he wished to study the science of entomology.

That story is recalled to our minds by the fact that to-day the annual flower show is being held in Hongkong. Essentially a spectacular event, the real significance of such an exhibition lies deeper. It is more than a show designed on the one hand to interest a large body of visitors and, on the other, to discover the most successful growers of flowers and plants. It is a test of how deep and widespread is the active love for nature, expressed in one significant direction, in the community. A passion for flowers is the finest of all hobbies. No man can study, and hold communion with, nature without being the better for it. Whether business man or clerk, whether employer of labour or labourer employed, his contact with nature makes for better work because it leads to serenity of temper and removes that irritability over trifles which is all against healthy work. For nature is the great soother and comforter. Yet, again, no man can rear a prize bloom—no man can make the effort to rear one—without cultivating habits of study and patience and attention to detail that are bound to have their effect in the more serious walks in life. So it is that the more successful is a flower show in respect of number of exhibitors the more may that be counted a sign of health in the life of a community.

It is a far cry from a flower show to a strike; yet we remember an employer of labour who told us that of the minority which fought against a suggested strike of the workers in his employ nearly all were dwellers in cottages owned by themselves and with carefully tended gardens attached. These men could best face the strain of a strike, but they opposed it. The others, who possessed little, forced it forward. They dwelt in long, ugly rows or great, frowning tenements. That brings us face to face with one of the root causes of the lamentable spirit of unrest which of late has manifested itself amongst workmen at home. The growing cost of living does not wholly explain it, and the spread of education, as yet untrained and therefore dangerous, is only one cause. True it is that working-men are coming more and more to think—somewhat erratically as yet, of course—and to feel their power. But side by side with these causes has come the exodus from country to town. Men to-day are huddled together in cities and know nothing of the even temper and serene outlook upon life which their fathers won from communing with nature. The "back to the land" cry has a deeper significance than many of its adherents know.

DAY BY DAY.

Life consists partly of folly and partly of wisdom. He is foolish who deems it all one or the other.

To-day's Paper.

On page 2 appears Woman's World and an announcement in connection with the photographic competition. The report of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is given on pages 5 and 6. Owing to pressure on our space Xavarian's notes on sport, among other items, is held over.

H. M. S. Monmouth arrived in port yesterday.

The French Mail of Jan. 30 was delivered in London on Feb. 29.

A fine of \$10 or fourteen days was imposed on a woman, this morning, by Mr. Irving, for stealing a quantity of rice.

Six dead bodies were found in the streets yesterday by the police and in five instances death was due to small-pox.

At the Magistracy, this morning, seven ricksha coolies were fined \$3 or seven days each for refusing hire last Sunday. Mr. J. Wilkie who prosecuted the men said that they refused to convey himself and some friends to Pok-tulum.

Four men were charged at the Magistracy this morning with gambling at Yumanti. The police stated that street gambling was becoming a great nuisance. The men pleaded not guilty, but Mr. Irving fined three of them \$2 each with the alternative of five days' imprisonment. The other man was cautioned.

A Costly Error.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company has been ordered to pay a total of G. \$39,499.74 for transposing two figures in a message by the Appellate Division of the U. S. Supreme Court. It appears that in a message—a selling order—sent by a cotton exchange firm to a New Orleans correspondent 70 was changed to 07, and as a consequence the firm lost G. \$27,565.

Marine Court.

Chung Kum, an engineer on the s.s. Mako and Li Sam, seaman, appeared at the Marine Court, to-day, charged with failing to stop the vessel when called upon on the 28th, and also with not showing the regulation lights. The charge against the engineer was eventually withdrawn, but the seaman being found guilty on both charges, was fined \$50 or seventy-four days' hard labour. Defendant went to goal.

The Welsh Dinner.

St. David's Day will be celebrated by a dinner given at the Hongkong Hotel to-night by the Welsh Society. The President, the Hon. Mr. Ross-Davies will preside and Dr. Fitzwilliams will occupy the vice-chair. The main toast "The Land of My Fathers" will be proposed by the President and responded to in Welsh by Mr. G. T. Lloyd. The toasts of our guests will be acknowledged by the Hon. Mr. Cland Severn, Colonial Secretary and the Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, C.M.G. Among the guests will be Governor Pack of Bontock, P. I.

AN OPIUM HAUL.

Ship's Officer Fined.

An American named John Long, second officer of the s.s. Rubi, was charged at the Magistracy, this morning with being in unlawful possession of 160 taels of opium.

According to the evidence of the Customs officers who instigated the proceedings, the defendant last night hailed a sampan close by Douglas Pier and the officer being in possession of certain information accosted him before he had an opportunity to board it. They asked him to accompany them to Revenue Office where he was searched and the amount of opium stated was found in his possession.

Defendant told Mr. Melbourne that the opium was given him by a Portuguese.

A fine of \$500 or in the alternative three months' imprisonment was imposed.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Visit to Macao.

His Excellency the Governor went to Macao to-day to pay an official visit and bid farewell to the Governor of the Portuguese possession. His Excellency left early in the morning, by the Government Tender Stanley and was to return this afternoon.

HARB' UR PIRACY.

A Sensational Report.

We have been informed that one of the N. Y. K. lighters lying at Wanchai Bdy, laden with cargo, was broken into last night by robbers and a quantity of goods stolen.

It is said that the value of the stolen property is over \$40,000 and that sixteen men on the lighter were bound and gagged.

The N.Y.K., however, can only confirm the statement that the lighter was broken into and cannot state the value of the goods at present as it is not properly known what is missing. They admit that the value of the stolen goods is high.

The police refuse to deny or to confirm the report.

SUMMARY COURT.

Foreign Attachment.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz the cases were mentioned in which Chas. E. Etti, was sued by M. Djalas, J. C. Hamilton and R. V. Tirumali for \$254.50, \$556.67 and \$90 respectively.

Mr. Gardiner appearing for the plaintiff said this was a case in which foreign attachment proceedings had been taken.

Mr. W. B. Hind for the defendant said he was prepared to admit the claim.

Mr. Shenton informed His Lordship that he represented the garnishees in the case, Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

Mr. Hind:—I am willing to consent to judgment in the action, but my instructions are to have the writ of foreign attachment set aside. We do not require Messrs. Leigh and Orange in these proceedings at all.

His Lordship suggested that he should enter judgment for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Hind said that he would not object to this, but it might prejudice his position with regard to any action he might take as to the writ of foreign attachment. If the proceedings were in order he would consent to judgment, but if they were not he would apply to have the writ set aside.

The matter was referred to Chambers for further consideration.

THE ARBITRATION CASE.

Judge's Strictures.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, delivered a lengthy reading judgment this afternoon in the case sent to him by H.E. the Governor for arbitration. In connection with the reclamation at Kowloon, several owners of plots on the sea shore, claimed compensation on the ground that sea access had been cut off by the work. The government made them an award under an ordinance passed in connection with the work, and the matter was sent for arbitration.

The Chief Justice found in favour of the claimants and read out a list of his awards pertaining to each lot.

The position was summed up by Mr. Potter who pointed out that the Government originally offered \$45,000, the claimants wanted \$161,000 and on arbitration had been awarded \$74,000.

Costs were given against the Government. His Lordship remarking that had they approached the other side, as he thought they should have done, there would not have been so much trouble.

FLOWER SHOW.

Excellent Display and Keen Competition.

The annual show in connection with the Hongkong Horticultural Society was opened to-day. The arrangement was exceedingly good and was admirably carried out by a committee consisting of Mr. J. Barton (president), Mr. W. L. Patten (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. Howell, Mr. A. H. Harris, Mr. R. Green, Mr. W. J. Titcher, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Looker, Mrs. Jordan and Mr. L. Gibbs (hon. Secretary).

Those who gave the prizes, which were presented to the winners by Mrs. Anderson, were:—H. E. Sir F. Lugard, Major General Anderson, Mr. J. Barton, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. A. Bryer, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. Choo Po-Sien, Mr. P. W. Goldring, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Wong Kum-Fook, Mr. H. W. Looker, Mr. Lau Chur-pak, Mr. Leung Jan-po, Mr. Li Ping, Mr. Ho Kam-Tong, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. Murray Stewart, Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tung.

The Judges were:—Mr. Barton, Mr. Titcher, Mr. Looker, Mr. Howell, Mr. Beavis, Mr. Bowley, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Tomes.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Class 1: Six pots of annuals or raised from seed the same season:—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class 2: 3 Pots of flowering plants other than annuals:—1 Mrs. Jordan; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 3: Three Pots of fan palms (Livistonia chinensis): Mrs. Jordan; 2 Sir Paul Chater; 3 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 4: Three pots of palms other than fan palms:—1 Miss Wallace; 2 Mr. Ho Kow Lung.

Class 5: Three pots of Roses: 1 Sir Paul Chater.

Class 6: Three pots Fossias: 1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 7: Three pots of geraniums: 1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mrs. Choo; 3 Mrs. Jordan.

8—3 pots of Camellias.—No award.

9—3 pots of Dahlias.—1 Mrs. Choo, 2 Sir Paul Chater, 3 Mrs. Ho Tung.

10—3 pots of Phlox Drummondii.—1 Ho Kam Tong, no second.

11—3 pots of Geraniums and/or Pinks.—1 Sir Paul Chater, 2 Mrs. Choo; 3 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

12—3 pots of Dianthus, other varieties excluding Carnation and Pinks.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Mrs. Gordon.

13—3 pots of Pansies.—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung; 3 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

14—3 pots of Violets.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Sir Paul Chater, no third.

15—3 pots of Mignonette.—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, 3 Mrs. Ho Tung.

16—3 pots of Nasturtium (Tall varieties).—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung; 3 Mr. Boggarth.

Class 17—3 pots of Nasturtium (dwarf varieties). 1 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

Class 18—3 pots of Narcissus Tazetta, Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Kow Tong.

Class 19—3 pots of Azaleas. 1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 3 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 20—3 pots Ferns, excluding Maiden Hair Ferns. 1 Ho Kam Tong; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class 21—3 pots of Maiden Hair Ferns. 1 Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

Class 22—3 pots of chrysanthemum no exhibit.

Class 23—3 pots of Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens) 1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

24—3 pots of Primula.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mrs. Choo.

25—3 pots of Peony.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong no second.

26—3 pots of Salvia.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

27—3 pots of Chinese Orchids.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Plants in Pots—Peak Gardens only.

28—6 pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season. 1 Mrs. Edo; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

29—3 pots of Flowering plants other than annuals.—1 Mrs. Edo; 2 Mrs. Tomes.

30—3 pots of Geraniums.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. Armstrong.

31—3 pots of Dahlias.—No award.

32—3 pots of Verbenas Prize. Class No. 1.

33—3 pots of Mignonette.—1 Mrs. Scott Harston.

34—3 pots of Nasturtium.—1 Mr. Armstrong; 2 Mr. B. Layton.

35—3 pots of Freesia.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. Bowley.

36—3 pots of Narcissus Tazetta.—1 Mr. B. Layton; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

37—3 pots of Heliotrope.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. A. H. Harris.

38—3 pots of Ferns, distinct varieties.—1 Mr. Harris.

39—3 pots of Fan Palms (Livistonia chinensis).—1 Mr. Bowley; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

40—3 pots of Palms other than Fan Palms.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mrs. Edo.

41—3 pots of French or African Marigolds.—1 Mr. Bowley; 2 Mrs. Scott Harston.

42—3 pots of Pot Marigolds (Oleandria officinalis).—1 Mr. Bowley; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

43—3 pots of Marguerite.—1 Mrs. Tomes; 2 Mr. Wilkinson.

Plants in Pots—open to all who do not employ a gardener.

44—3 pots of Annuals or Plants raised from seed the same season.—1 Mr. Hoggarth.

45—3 pots of Flowering plants other than annuals.—1 Mr. Hoggarth; 2 Miss Wallace.

46—3 pots of Palms.—1 Miss Wallace; 2 Mr. Hoggarth.

47—3 pots of Ferns.—1 Miss Wallace.

48—Collection of vegetables, (not less than 6 varieties). Those must be staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 3 inches deep. 1 Sir Paul Chater, 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 3 Mrs. Rodger.

49—4 Heads of Celery, 1 Mr. Hoggarth; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

50—4 Cauliflowers or Broccoli, 1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Sir Paul Chater; 3 Mrs. Rodger.

51—4 Cabbages, 1 Mrs. Rodger; 2 Mr. Hoggarth.

52—6 Lettuces, 1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

53—2 Vegetable Marrows, 1 L. Gibbs; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

54—6 Beets, 1 Mrs. Rodger; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

55—6 Carrots.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

56—6 Turnips.—1 Sergeant Kerr; 2 Miss Fatsy Keir.

57—6 Parsnips.—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

58—12 Onions.—No Prize.

59—12 Tomatoes.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Sergeant Kerr.

60—12 Potatoes.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

61—25 Radishes.—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross; 3 Mr. J. W. Fowler.

62—25 Brussels Sprouts.—1 Mr. J. W. Fowler; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

63—25 pods of Peas.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong.

64—25 pods of French Beans.—1 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 2 Sir Paul Chater.

65—6 Leeks.—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mr. Ho Kam Tong; 3 Mr. Hoggarth.

66—4 Cucumbers.—1 No Exhibit.

67—Dish of Strawberries, not less than 20 fruits.—1 Sir Paul Chater.

Special prize for Seakale, Mr. C. M. Ede.

68—Collection of vegetables, not less than 6 varieties. (These must be staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. x 4 ft. and 3 inches deep.—1 Mr. Wilkinson; 2 Mrs. Wakeman.

69—4 Heads of Celery.—1 Mr. Ho Tung; 2 Mrs. Scott Harston.

70—4 Cauliflower of Broccoli, 1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. A. H. Harris.

71—4 Cabbages, 1 Mr. Armstrong; 2 Mr. Harris.

72—6 Lettuces, 1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mr. Wilkinson; 3 Mr. Bowley.

73—6 Beets, 1 Mrs. Harston and Mrs. Edo.

74—6 Carrots, Mrs. Edo; 2, Mr. Bowley.

75—6 Turnips, 1 Mr. Bowley; 2 Mrs. Wilkinson; 3 Mrs. Ho Tung.

76—6 Onions, No exhibit.

77—6 Parsnips, 1 Mrs. Edo; 2 Mrs. Harston.

78—12 Tomatoes.—1 Mrs. Ho Tung; 2 Mrs. Harston.

79—25 Radishes, 1 Mr. Wilkinson; 2 Mr. Armstrong; 3 Mrs. Edo.

80—15 pods of Peas.—1 Mrs. Harston; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

81—25 pods of French Beans.—1 No exhibit.

82—25 Brussels Sprouts.—1 Mr. Wilkinson; 2 Mrs. Wakeman.

83—2 Vegetable marrows.—1 Mr. Wilkinson.

[The concluding portion of the prize list is held over.]

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. v. the Combined League to-morrow on the H.K.C.C. ground. Play is to start at 2 p.m. sharp:—

D. E. Donnelly, O. C. Starke, T. E. Penno, W. E. Warburton, A. N. Joseland, Com. Ward, R. N., Lt. Annahim, R. N., R. F. Long, H. Hancock, Mr. Rouquette R. N. and Surg. Fisher, R. N.

Hongkong Cricket League. The following is the League table to date:—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
1 Civil Service	13	8	5	0	24
2 Ongeingow	10	6	1	3	21
3 Kowloon	10	5	3	2	17
4 R. G. A.	8	3	2	3	12
5 H. K. Police	9	4	5	0	12
6 K. O. Y. L.	8	3	4	1	8
7 R. E.	8	2	5	1	7
8 Naval Yard	10	2	8	0	6

N. B.—A win-3 points.

A draw-1 point.

BILLIARDS

Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament.

The R. E. "B" team and 88 Company R. G. A. completed their games in the

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Annual General Meeting

There was only a sparse attendance at the City Hall yesterday afternoon when the Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, C.M.G., presided over the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. There were present the Hon. Mr. O. H. Ross (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), Messrs. G. H. Medhurst (Dorwell & Co.), G. T. Edkins (Butterfield & Swire), E. Shellin (D. Sassoon & Co.), J. W. C. Bonnar (Gibb, Livingstone & Co.), F. H. Armstrong (Reiss & Co.), N. J. Stahl (Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), E. A. Williams, secretary, A. Forbes (Bradley & Co.), T. F. Hough (Hough & Hough), W. Dickson (Chartered Bank), Hadley White (Connell Bros. & Co.), A. D. Barretto (Cruz Busto & Co.), W. A. Dawley (Vacuum Oil Co.), L. Borindongue (Banque de l'Indo-Chine), D. Macdonald (Macdonald & Co.), C. Bond (Gande, Price & Co.), K. M. Cumming (W. R. Loxley & Co.), W. A. Jupp (China, Borneo Co.), F. C. Macdonald (Mercantile Bank of India), Murray Stewart (Stewart Bros.), R. Fuhrmann (Routel, Brockelmann & Co.), D. Lewis (Johnson, Stokes and Master), J. W. Balles (Standard Oil Co.), G. Hogg (International Bank), W. F. Clarke (Hongkong Canton, Mieno Steamboat Co.), and Wong Leung-him (Yuen Hop).

The Chairman's Speech.

After expressing regret at the small attendance the Chairman said:—

The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read.

Before proposing their adoption, I will as usual make a few remarks on the more important matters which have received the attention of the committee during the past twelve months.

The first question in the report is concerned with signalling to vessels which have taken refuge behind Stonecutter Island or in Junk Bay. The matter was brought forward by a number of the commanders of local steamers, and thanks to the action of the government and the courtesy of H.E. the General Officer commanding and the general manager of the Standard Oil Co. arrangements have now been made to signal the latest storm warnings to the vessels.

Another question relating to the signalling which has engaged our attention was the advisability or otherwise of retaining the red signals. After considerable discussion it has, however, been decided to continue their use at all events until the promised and much looked for wireless station has been erected on the Pratas Island.

You will notice that the serious inconvenience and in some cases actual loss entailed on importers through the disastrous strikes of dock labourers and others which occurred last year in Great Britain has been considered by the committee who, however, were of opinion that this was a matter which could better be dealt with by the importing firm communicating direct with his buyers rather than as suggested by a joint circular from all the importing houses.

A very important point has been raised, viz. as to whether a mate's receipt could be considered a negotiable document. The committee, without pretending to be able to give an authoritative

decision on the subject, consider that under ordinary circumstances such a receipt is not necessarily a proof of ownership and could not be considered as a negotiable document, unless the holder could show he had secured the receipt in exchange for value received.

The opium question was very fully dealt with in our last report, and as you will have seen correspondence on the subject up to May of last year was published in that report. As stated in my last annual address, the committee considered it advisable not to lay the correspondence before the members until matters had been finally adjusted.

In June, however, as you will see on reference to our present report, the matter was again brought forward, as the Canton authorities were proposing to adopt another system by which they hoped to increase their revenue at the expense of the trade and, as usual, in defiance of treaty obligation.

The disturbances which shortly broke out resulting in a change in the personnel of the provincial government has left the matter in abeyance.

The possibility of disinfecting vessels and lighters by a Clayton machine has again been raised by the Government, but, as you will notice, the committee adhere to the view expressed some years ago by their predecessors that the proposals put forward are impracticable.

The erection of a light on Kaping Island which has for so many years been demanded by those interested in the river trade is, we hope, shortly to be completed, the apparatus for the light having already arrived in the Colony.

With regard to the new Companies Ordinance, the committee have made suggestions to the Government with a view to the amendment of the ordinance on certain particulars, chief among which was that the books of Chinese joint stock Companies should be kept in English.

The difficulty of a full examination of books kept in Chinese was pointed out to the Government who, however, were disinclined to accept the suggestion.

The Committee then proposed that at least the statutory books and the cash book should be in the English, and it would then be possible in the case of a winding up to trace the receipts and expenditure on capital account and to work up a rough estimate of the trading.

The matter is still the subject of correspondence with the Government.

The necessity for a properly drawn up form of bond for use in arbitrations was referred to in my last annual address. This matter has now been dealt with, a form of bond having been drawn up by the Chamber's solicitors, which has been brought into use.

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YARN MARKET.

The following is Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall's Yarn report dated March 1:—

Since the issue of our last report on the 16th ultimo, for S.S. Himalaya, our market has undergone a complete change, and it is the first time for some months that we have to record such a large volume of business.

The first signs of any inclination on the part of the dealers to operate on a large scale were manifested a few days after the New Year holidays, when news reached here of the destruction by fire of a large quantity of raw cotton in Bombay and America. Then came the rapid decline of exchange, which, of course, made importers display some firmness.

With these two factors making for higher prices, and a sudden demand from two or three country districts reacting the dealers, a determined rush was made to secure all that was available on the market. Importers were not slow in taking advantage of such conditions, with the consequent result that prices were advanced by leaps and bounds, and we have to record an aggregate business of 20,000 bales including a large lot in forward sales and a rise of \$3 to 6 per bale established.

It may be stated that the local dealers themselves were taken completely by surprise at the receipt of orders from the country, which were entirely unexpected by them.

The bulk of the above business has been of course, in No. 10, and some of it speculative, while it must also be noted that many of the contracts were effected before the full advance was established.

Total Sales 20,000 bales. Unsold Stocks 11,000 bales. Sold but undelivered in the Godown and to arrive 30,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The Mail Str. India and extra Str. Austria and Voworts from Bombay, & Str. Kumsang from Calcutta have brought in 4,622 bales for Hongkong and 9,088 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to east ports &c. amount to about 500 bales.

Local Mill.—750 Bales of No. 10, 16s & 20s were sold at \$130 \$135 & \$140 respectively.

Shanghai.—Latest advices indicate a better feeling in this market.

Japanese Yarn.—In sympathy with the general advance in price this yarn has advanced \$8 and some 900 Bales No. 20 were booked at \$140 to 155.

Raw Cotton, Bengal.—No Stock Chinese 150 small bales sold (a) \$33 per picul. Stock 500 bales. Quotation Bengal (a) \$28 to 31 Chinese (a) \$30 to \$34.

CANTON NEWS.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, Feb. 29.

People living in the northern suburbs of Canton were disturbed by the sound of gun firing on Feb. 27, which lasted well into the morning. It appears that during the night a large number of houses were burnt down during the disturbance. The people of the district are in a state of panic and those that are able are fleeing into the city. Troops have been sent to the spot to maintain order. Another fight of a more serious nature is reported from the Pun U district between the villagers of Mow-kiang and Wangsha, rising out of a dispute in a gambling den. Fighting still continues and over 100 people have been killed or wounded.

The Chinese residents in Hongkong have petitioned the Governor-General of Canton asking him to prevail upon Field Marshal Lung Chai-kwong to remain in Canton, rather than proceed to Nanking, as his presence in the former city is urgently needed to keep down local ruffians.

A meeting of the Provisional Council was held on Tuesday to consider a petition forwarded by the residents in Yuet Shau-fong and Ma Cho-po. It appears that some hundreds of them have been rendered homeless through the demolition of the city wall and the destruction of houses in the neighbourhood. Before the work was commenced, the authorities responsible notified the petitioners that the work would only be confined, at first, to the uninhabited districts where the wall existed, but owing to a sudden change of plans a large number of buildings have been demolished and their inhabitants made homeless. The council decided that the petitioners have a real grievance and are to approach the

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DON'T FORGET.

Friday, March 1.
Horticultural Society Show.

Saturday, March 2.
Half-yearly meeting Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7.
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., meeting, noon.

Saturday, March 9.
Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Monday, March 11.
University Bazaar, Opening Ceremony, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13.
Forty-Third Ordinary Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Noon.

To-day's
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NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. WALTER BIEGLER to sign our Firm for the purpose of...
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HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE COMMITTEE of this SOCIETY would be glad to add to its Membership.
MEMBER'S SUBSCRIPTION is \$12.00 per Annum, but any donation would be gratefully received.
SUBSCRIPTIONS may be sent to the HON. TREASURER.
Mrs. N. J. STABB,
St. John's Place,
Hongkong, 28th Feb., 1912. [209]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club will be held on MONDAY, the 11th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Hongkong, 1st, March, 1912. [211]

HONGKONG WEEKLY TELEGRAPH.

Contains all the news of the week in a most attractive form and is the paper for mailing to friends at Home, with photograph of Hongkong Races.

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ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

Sailings from Hongkong and from St. John, N.B. and Quebec.
 "Monteagle" ... Sat., Mar. 23 "E. of Ireland" ... Fri., April 19.
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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
 For Steamship On
 NINGPO ... FUJING ... Saturday, 2nd Mar., Noon.
 MANILA ... MOONSHANG ... Saturday, 2nd Mar., 2 p.m.
 SHANGHAI ... CHOY SANG ... Sunday, 3rd Mar., 11 a.m.
 TIENTSIN ... CHEONGSHING ... Sunday, 3rd Mar., 11 a.m.
 SHAI, KOBE & MOJI ... FUKSANG ... Thursday, 7th Mar., Noon.
 SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA ... KUTSANG ... Saturday, 9th Mar., Noon.
 RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (Occupying 21 days).
 The steamers "Kut ang," "Nan ang," and "Fook ang," leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
 A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.
 Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
 Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin, via Chingwanan.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.
 Telephone No. 215.
 Hongkong, 29th February, 1912.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS LD.

PROJECTED HOMEWARD SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
 (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
 For Steamship Date of Departure
 LONDON & ANTWERP ... CARMARTHENSIRE ... 4th March.
 LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP ... GLAMORGANSIRE ... 15th March.
 LONDON & ANTWERP ... DEN OF GLAMIS ... 3rd March.
 Most steamers have excellent accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers. Cabins are situated amidships, and are fitted with electric light and fans. Attention is directed to the moderate fares charged.
 Does not carry Passengers.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,
 AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 16th February, 1912.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO, AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

Joint Service of
 THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
 AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
 HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.
 HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG
 FRIDAY, 1st MARCH.
 10.00 p.m. "KINSHAN." 5.00 p.m. "FATSHAN."
 These steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to the Superior Saloon and Cabin. Electric Fan in each Cabin.
 HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
 S.S. "SUI TAI" Tons 1651 S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651
 HONGKONG TO MACAO.
 Week days at 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 a.m. & 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
 MACAO TO HONGKONG.
 Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, at 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 EXCURSION TO MACAO.
 SUNDAY, 3rd MARCH.
 The Company's Steamship,
 "SUI AN"
 will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 a.m. Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.
 N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
 This Steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.
 FARES AS USUAL.
 Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.
 CANTON-MACAO LINE.
 S.S. HOI-SANG, 457 Tons.
 Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 p.m.
 Departures from Canton to Macao on Tues., Thurs., & Satur., at 4.30 p.m.
 JOINT SERVICE OF
 HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.
 CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.
 S.S. "SAINAM," 583 Tons, and "NANNING," 589 Tons.
 One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days.
 Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.
 Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 For further particulars may be obtained at the office of the
 HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
 HOTEL MANSIONS (FIRST FLOOR),
 Opposite the Bank of China.

Shipping

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSHALLS, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SOERABAYA & PORT SAID	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Honma, T. 7,000 MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. M. Nor, T. 9,000 & PORT SAID	WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Daylight WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Noda, T. 7,000 SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000 KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 16th March, at Noon FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon
NASKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. J. Toranaka, T. 5,000	MONDAY, 4th March
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	CHYLON MARU, Capt. J. Toranaka, T. 5,000	MONDAY, 4th March

1 Cargo only.
 2 Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN KOBE AND CALCUTTA.

Regular fortnightly service from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

The next steamer to sail from Hongkong is—

"TENSIN MARU" ... Tons 4,000 ... Capt. Horii ... March 1st.

1912-PASSENGER SEASON 1912

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Honma	Mar. 13th
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. G. More	Mar. 27th
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mural	May 22nd

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 6 days and to Yokohama 6 days.
 For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.
 T. KUSUMOTO,
 Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

For	Steamship	To Sail
TIENTSIN via WEIHAIWEI	"HUICHOW"	3rd March, Daylight
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	3rd "Midnight"
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TIEN"	5th "4 p.m."
SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	5th "4 p.m."

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.
 S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI"

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anhui, Chenan, Linan, Chinkua)—with excellent passenger accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.
 These steamers lead passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$45. Return \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Telephone No. 34.
 Hongkong, 1st March, 1912.

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 EAST ASIATIC SERVICE,
 Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,
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 Marseilles, Havre, Bremen and Hamburg and New York.
 Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North-Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa and other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama: S.S. Belgavia ... 7th Mar. Sachsen ... 13th Mar. C. Ferd. ... 21st April Sithouin ... 10th April Scandia ... 20th April Bayo ... 3rd May	For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp: S.S. "Spezia" ... 3rd Mar. For Havre & Hamburg: S.S. "Goldenfels" ... 5th Mar. For Marseilles, Havre, Oporto & H. burg: S.S. "Pionier" ... 11th Mar. For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg: S.S. "Sueria" ... 20th Mar. For Havre & Hamburg: S.S. "Belgravia" ... 1st April For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg: S.S. "Sauer" ... 27th April For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp: S.S. "O. L. D. Ahlers" 10th Mar.

For Further Particulars, apply to—
 Hamburg-Amerika Linie,
 Hongkong Office.



HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	MONDAY, 1st Mar., 4 p.m.
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	

For Freight or Passage apply to
 SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
 GENERAL MANAGERS
 Hongkong 17th February, 1912.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between
 JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.
 Steamship From Reported on or about For Will leave on or about
 Tjitaroom ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar.
 Tjipanas ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar.
 Tjibodas ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... SHANGHAI ... 1st half Mar.
 Tjimahi ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 1st half Mar.
 Tjilwong ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 2nd half Mar.
 Tjimanock ... JAVA ... 1st half Mar. ... JAPAN ... 2nd half Mar.
 Tjilatjap ... JAVA ... 2nd half Mar. ... SHANGHAI ... 1st half Apr.
 The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through Bills of Lading.
 For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the
 JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
 Telephone No. 375
 York Building.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.
 SAN FRANCISCO LINE
 Connecting with the Western Pacific Mail Line at San Francisco to all ports in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.
 PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)
 Steamship Tons Captain Date of sailing
 S.S. "Nippon Maru" ... 11,000 ... A. G. Stevens ... Mar. 8th, Noon.
 S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ... 11,000 ... E. Bent ... Mar. 16th, Noon.
 S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ... 11,000 ... H. S. Smith ... Apr. 9th, Noon.
 S.S. "Chiyo Maru" ... 11,000 ... W. W. Green ... May 7th, Noon.
 These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Scows. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 15th March, at Noon.
 INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.
 The steamer "Nippon Maru" 11,000 tons Capt. A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Friday 8th March, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz).
 Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration).
 Steamship Tons Date of Sailing
 Buyo Maru ... 10,500 ... Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
 Hongkong Maru ... 11,000 ... Friday, June 7, Noon.
 Kyo Maru ... 17,500 ... Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.
 For Further Particulars as to Freight and Freight, apply to
 K. MATSUDA, Agent,
 (KING'S BUILDING Opposite Blake Pier)

To Let

OFFICES in King's Building.
 Apply to
 THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.
 Hongkong 16th Dec. 1911.

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HONGKONG.
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 Development, Printing & Enlarging.
 1st Mar. 1912.

LOG BOOK.

A Lost Steamer.

Before Sir Samuel Evans and Mr. Justice Bagnall Deane, sitting as a Divisional Court of Admiralty, Captain Paul August Braun appeared and appealed against his suspension following the loss of the British Standard off the coast of Brazil on May 25, 1910.

Captain Braun said that the vessel struck some submerged object, which caused the ship to founder. A court of inquiry was held at Cardiff, and after a protracted hearing it found "That there is presumptive evidence that the cause of the loss of the vessel was wilfully put into operation by human agency in some manner which there is no reliable evidence to indicate."

Even assuming that the vessel struck a rock, the report said, the loss might have been averted. The court suspended the captain's certificate for eighteen months, and the chief engineer's for twelve months. The captain was ordered to pay 1,000 guineas towards the cost of the inquiry. The Divisional Court had given leave to the Board of Trade and Captain Braun to call further evidence.

Captain Braun, who addressed the court for fourteen hours, told how his "beautiful home" had been sold up under the order of the Board of Trade so that he should find one thousand guineas towards the cost of the inquiry. All he had left was a table and a chair.

Captain Braun went on to say that he took over the mastership of the British Standard, his brother or being connected with the owning company. He stated that he had nothing to gain by casting his vessel away. He referred to the suspicion running through the findings of the court of inquiry, which, he said, had taken assumption for fact. He compared their findings as being almost the same as the comments of Sergeant Buzfux on the letter of Mr. Pickwick to Mr. Bardell concerning his warning-pan and slippers. He could not say what caused his ship to sink. It might have been a derelict vessel or a hidden rock. Mr. Justice Bagnall Deane remarked that that court was not going to suggest that the captain had anything to do with the suggested scuttling of the steamer. They had to see whether the captain was guilty of negligence after the vessel made water.

Captain Braun remarked that in public opinion it was thought he had scuttled his ship. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, for the Board of Trade, intimated that he had no intention of arguing that Captain Braun scuttled his ship.

Sir S. Evans said another matter arose whether there did not seem to be running through the decision of the court of inquiry the suggestion that the captain was implicated in the scuttling, and whether, that being so, the suspension of the captain's certificate was in any degree imposed on any such assumption. He (the judge) did not say that it was, only that it might be a question arising in this appeal.

Mr. Justice Bagnall Deane thought either there was a finding against the captain or there was not. If the captain was not guilty of scuttling he could not see why an extra penalty should be put on the captain for suspicion. A man could not be hanged on suspicion only, and that was practically what had been done here.

Captain Braun: Thank you, my lord. That is just how I feel in the matter. My life at Penarth is intolerable. People won't go to the Lord's table if I am there. The captain drew attention to the evidence given in the court below to show that he took every possible precaution to save his ship before he left her. Judgment was reserved.

COMMERCIAL.

Singapore Share Report.

In their share circular, dated Feb. 21, Messrs. Fraser & Co. state:—

Apart from a moderate demand for a few of the lower priced rubbers, our market, owing to the Chinese New Year holidays, has been particularly quiet and calls for no comment.

Rubber.—Malakoffs have been placed at \$2.05, Singapore Uniteds 1/8, Pantaia \$1.10, Trafalgar 85 cents, Balgownie \$8, Haytors \$6.50, Alor Gajahs \$1.05, Sandycrofts \$15, Pajamas \$10, Bukit Sembawang 1/8 and Ulu Pandans 55 cents, at which quotations more are wanted. Melbaums after changing hands at 4 and Indragiris at \$6 else quiet. Ayer Panas after business at \$5 close strong at \$5.15 buyers.

Mining.—Tronohs rose sharply to \$3.16 3/4, and finish with buyers only offering £3.9.0. Takkis are strong at \$3.7.6, and Pusing Bahrus 1/8.

General.—This section has been extremely quiet and remains unaltered with the exception of an earlier feeling in steamships which are on offer at \$257.50.

London Stock Exchange. Messrs. Zorn and Leigh-Hunt's weekly Stock Exchange Report, dated January 27, contains the following:—

The end of a nineteen-day account is always welcome to the Stock Exchange. Many people tell us that we should get on with our business much better if we had a settlement once a month instead of twice, as the Consul market does. But one of the arguments which disproves this is that a nineteen-day account as a rule is too long for the tempo of the bull, so what an account comprising thirty or thirty-one days would be, we must leave you to imagine.

Appetite for speculation has been whetted by the rocketing rise in Blue stock, West India and Panama Telegraphs, Marconis, Underground Electric Income bonds, and a few other issues. We find that people all the way round are eagerly asking what they shall buy for a quick and a big rise. On the other hand, those who hold speculative shares are not inclined—at least so we find it—to take good profits. Their goose is to turn out a swan, and anticipation runs riot in many markets.

In this revival of what one must call the speculative fever it is remarkable indeed that the mining markets should have practically no place at present. Kaffirs are dead, and Rhodesians are descending. The West African market, after its little spurt in tin shares, has fallen back upon the duller of days. The Barrier group ought to be favourably affected by the rise in base metals, but, in point of fact, it isn't. There is certainly a fair amount of trade in Mexican mining shares, though those appeal to a somewhat select circle. It is something to the good, however, for Esperanzas to have signalled activity by a sharp advance, and now the public are beginning to buy El Oros as a possible follower of the Esperanza excitement.

Consols have shown some firmness of late. Most directly responsible for this has been the appearance of the Government broker in the market, while his purchases have had the greater effect because there are certain expectations which caused the seller to be content to stay his hand for a little time. The near approach of the granting of facilities to transfer Consols by deed is thought to tend towards the popularisation of the security; then there will be, some day, the necessity to invest the capital sums with which the Insurance Act will be financed. Talk canvasses the prospect of a General Election within the next six months, and this, in some quarters, is considered a bull point. Altogether the market may be said to have been more sprightly, but in spite of this, it appears unlikely that anything more than a small rise could be maintained.

To day's Advertisements

WE have this day authorized Mr. FRANCIS BENINGTON to sign our firm per pro car for

BRADLEY & CO.,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [206]

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1st and 2nd March.

R. A. STEPHENSON.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [207]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

MR. EDWIN LESTER GILBERT ARNO D has been appointed Acting Local Manager of the above Company in Hongkong from the date until further notice.

By Order,
P. TESTER,
Local Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [208]

Public Companies

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1912, at 2 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 7th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
H. F. RICKMAN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th Feb., 1912. [107]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

I am in my absence and until further notice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOLE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [197]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up...\$1,450,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of Immovable Property &c.

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

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(Rates and Particulars on application.)

THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertakes and Executes.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1912. [23]

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

ST. GEORGE'S BUILDINGS.

NOTICE.

THE extension of the ELECTRIC LIGHT to the Peak District is expected to be completed by about the end of March, 1912.

Intending consumers are advised to have their houses wired in readiness, to avoid delay in obtaining the light.

The Company are prepared to submit estimates for wiring houses on application.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th Dec., 1911. [61]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Families Di-tiao with an area of 80 (C) square miles.

TWO and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. C. OULAND, Esq., Manager, International B'n'g Co., Corporation, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th Jan., 1912. [111]

Consignees

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAGA MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, to-day.

Goods not cleared by the 6th March, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1912. [6]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Ship

"JEN OF GLAMIS,"

having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at the risk of the Consignee and for extra bonded and Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 6th March, at 6 p.m., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chipped, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 6th March, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [94]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SS. "NIPPON MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for re-entertainment, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from along-side.

Cargo remaining undelivered on THURSDAY, the 24th Feb., at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 4th March, afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chipped and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or Godown and examination of same to be arranged.

All claims must be filed on or before 11th March, otherwise they will not be recognised.

K. MATSUDA, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [18]

TENDERS

TENDERS are invited for the supply of Labor and Junks for Admiralty sailing for a period of 12 months certain in the 1st April, 1912.

Forms for tendering can be obtained on application to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, and tenders should be lodged in the Commodore's office not later than noon on the 11th March, 1912.

A deposit of One Hundred Dollars will be required from each tenderer, and will be returned in the event of non-acceptance of the tender.

P. WESTON, Naval Store Officer.

H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [199]

E. C. WILKS, M.L.M., E.A.M.N.A.

Consulting Engineer and Surveyor for construction, Valuer and Assessor for the purchase or sale of Steamships or Launches.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 2nd Floor.

Hongkong, 1st May 1912. [20]

Banks

NATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION

CAPITAL PAID UP...Gold \$3,250,000

RESERVE FUND...Gold \$3,250,000

Cold \$6,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—

60 Wall Street, New York.

BRANCH OFFICE:—

36, Bishopsgate.

LONDON BANKERS:

Bank of England, Ltd.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, Ltd.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTING BANK, Limited.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives money on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

For 1 month 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 1 week 2 per cent. per annum.

For 1 day 1 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Deposits may be made at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [22]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP...£1,200,000

RESERVE FUND...£1,200,000

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS...£1,200,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCE.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 months, 3 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 1 month, 2 1/2 per cent.

Wm. DICKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [22]

Auction

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of March, 1912, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mei Lun St. set in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No. 1021, situated in the Mei Lun St. area, containing 1.125 acres, more or less, as shown on the plan deposited in the Public Works Department, and being the whole of the land comprised in the said Lot.

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